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THE NEW MARKET-HOUSE.

Last year both branches of the City Council, composed mainly of the same men who now occupy that position, with the approval of our present Mayor, passed the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas the funds of the corporation are not sufficient to meet the large expenditure which will be required for our schools and other public improvements; that there is no present or probable means of raising money for their support; a proper market-house for years to come; and it is deemed expedient in the interest of the city that there should no longer be danger of its organization being used for other purposes which will be an infringement upon the rights of the corporation; therefore—

Resolved, That the bill now before Congress to incorporate the "Washington Market Company" meets with our approval, and we do hope that it will be passed into law, so far as the portance of the measures, leading solely to the interests of the city, we authorise and instruct the members of the House of Representatives to incorporate before Congress to urge the passage of the said bill.

The city is in debt to a greater amount now than at that time. The delinquent tax list of the present year makes over six sheets of the REPUBLICAN (twenty-five pages in fine type) thus showing the amount of taxation resting on our people. The Mayor is now endeavoring to defeat a bill much more favorable to the city than the one he advocated last year. The city will not build a market-house, and Mr. Bowen knows it. Prompted by personal resentments toward some of the gentlemen who happen to be named as incorporators, he is willing to resort to any means to defeat a measure of such importance to the city. No one knows better than does the Mayor that the growth upon which it is proposed to build the house is worth less if it must be represented to be worth. No sensible business man would pay anything like \$200,000 for it. The whole of the square upon which is situated the Metropolitan Hotel and all the improvements would not bring a million dollars. How absurd to talk about a million of dollars for the market-house square unimproved.

It has five fire fronts. Put into lots running back one hundred feet, at 85 per foot, which is all it is worth, and it would amount only to \$250,000. The remainder of the ground would not bring that amount. Again, however, that it is worth at all \$200,000, the company is bound to pay a ground rent of \$25,000 per annum for its use—though in all conscience. Where does the "windfall" so glibly talked about by men who last year advocated the passage of a bill which did not require the payment of a single cent to the city as ground rent? Most inconsistent!

Let members of Congress look at this whole subject for themselves, uninfluenced by the appeals which are made to them to prevent the erection of a market-house demanded by the people, only to gratify the animosity entertained by a few of our citizens whose names are used as incorporators.

Men and women that need a new market-house, and that it can only be built by private enterprise, regulated for the public benefit, as is done by the bill now under consideration by a Committee of Conference of the two Houses.

THE CHORAL SOCIETY'S CONCERT.—This society, which was the very first organization in this city to recognize the claims of the sufferers by the disaster at Richmond, will give a grand concert at Lincoln Hall on Saturday evening, the entire proceeds of which are to be devoted to the relief of those unfortunate. Aside from the society itself, these have volunteered a large number of our most popular musicians, and a programme will be presented which will be one of the most valuable that has been listened to during the season. Mrs. Drayton, Mrs. Stroh, and Prof. L. C. Collier, have tendered their services, and Prof. G. F. Bentler will play a piano solo.

Our citizens have always borne a high reputation for benevolence, and it is earnestly hoped that every seat for this concert will be purchased long before Saturday. Let the Choral Society, in which we have a just pride, have the pleasure of transmitting to Richmond a large and generous donation.

DUCHESS.—It is not remarkable that Major Calhoun, who was the REPUBLICAN for an alleged libel on him, refuses to come forward and contradict on oath the allegations which he charges to be libelous; and that it requires an attachment to make him open his mouth on the subject while he has a libel in his hand.

FOTOMA FRUIT GROWERS' SOCIETY.—A meeting was held at the Board of Trade Room yesterday (May 4) at 11 a.m.; Dr. Haugrass, president, in the chair, and H. R. Folger, secretary.

The secretary read a letter from Prof. T. Glover, accepting the invitation to read a paper before the society, and Dr. Folger moved that he be so at the meeting in July. Also, a letter from Mr. Baldwin, editor of the Daily Times, confirming the truth of the story in that paper in regard to the extraordinary apple trees which bear fruit for many years, but never bloom, was read. A farm of Mr. L. M. Miller, a general nursery, in Brooklyn, was shown to the society. Adopted.

O. L. Kenyon, of Vienna, Faifax County, presented a specimen of the apple tree from the orchard of his father-in-law, and asked a name for them.

Orange, Lemon, Pineapple, Nuts, Pickles, Turnips, Cabbage, Potatoes, Turnips, Beans, Peas, Currants, Curacao, &c. were always in great demand, and were sold at a high price.

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